New York Tribune First to Last-the Truth: News-Editorials-

Advertisements per of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1917

SUBSCRIPTION RATES -By Mail, Postage Paid, out-

POREIGN RATES

DAILY AND SUNDAY.

month. \$1.84

One month.

22.05

One month.

DAILY ONLY. DAILY ONLY.

Entered at the Postoffice at New York as Second Class

You can purchase merchandise advertised in any case THE TRIBUNE guarantees to pay your money No red tape. No quibbling. back upon request. No red tape. No qui good promptly if the advertiser does not.

otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news of spontaneous origin published h

Expel Him!

has adopted resolutions demanding the ex- tify the endeavor to ascertain the facts. pulsion from the Senate of Robert M. La Thanks to the Mayor's prompt applicaand an inciter of sedition.

no time in exercising its prerogative. By very foundation of government. expelling Mr. La Follette it would relieve Every effort has been made by legisla- want to die, and whose recovery is pro-

a major general in the Confederate army. convention was to be held. Germany. The help he is giving to the must be straight. German cause is indirect. He is not another Breckinridge. He is more nearly another Jesse D. Bright. Bright repreers in Indiana were infected. He was ex- the farmers' advertisement which recently expressed in writing what the Senate con- money's worth. The arguments put forth

States went to war with Germany on a showed. Reasons why he should not be in petty provocation. He has spoken sneer- the public service, facts to indicate that ingly of the government's motives in mak- he would prove unqualified for the task, ing that declaration of American rights or faithless to the trust given to him, there on the high seas and of its purpose to en- were none. force them which led directly to the rupt- There are two basic reasons why votes

publications which, in his opinion, "ham- farreaching knowledge of the intricacies work to the War Department. per the government in making war." As of business as business is practised.

mediate suppression were they to appear handlers can extract from them. in a newspaper?

Let Congress be logical. Let it set its own house in order new that it has given Red tape has been the curse of army adside Congress preach and practise it.

Mobilizing Public Opinion

der its many ingenious disguises.

calls for patriotic Americans with a gift States, though rich in man power, must project works out the goal achieved is the should have been planned long ahead of stirring of America to think, The brief, the calls for volunteers and selective confour-minute speeches are an admirably scripts. Owned and published daily by The Tribune Association. a New York Corporation. Ogden Reid, President; G. Verner Rogen, Vice-President; F. A. Suiter, Treasurer, Address, Tribune Building, 154 Nassau Street, New York, Telephone, meeting, assembled every night of the ganized war services. Volunteers preyear to listen, discuss and resolve.

unique one. It should appeal to every unequal to the strain. It has creaked and and his nation.

A Primary Probe Needed

District Attorney Swann's proposed in-THE can primaries should be welcomed by all of experience in a real war we shall learn TRIBUNE with absolute safety-for if dissatisfaction results good citizens, by none more than by Mayor Mitchel. The reëxamination of the ment, in which foresight will replace hindprimary ballots and the checking up of sight, and mobilization, when it comes, the official returns of the canvassers have will not be hindered by departmental or The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for shown a remarkable series of discrepan- bureaucratic inertia. The present situarepublication of all news dispatches credited to it or not cies. Whether these were due to ignorance tion is deplorable. Yet it is only the natuon the part of voters and honest mistakes ral outgrowth of a system which has made All rights of republication of all other matter herein are on the part of poll clerks or to deliberate such a lack of coördination between manattempt to perpetrate fraud can be dis- power and supplies almost inevitable. closed only by a grand jury inquiry. Certainly there are elements enough of doubt The Wisconsin League of Municipalities and sufficient suspicion in the air to jus-

Follette. Many other organizations in tion for an examination of the ballots, Wisconsin are clamoring for relief from there is no chance that his opponent will the indignity of being represented in the be "counted out," and the Mayor has upper branch of Congress by a disloyalist promised to do his utmost to see exact jusnd an inciter of sedition.

tice done to Mr. Bennett. There is now the be put out of his misery he resolved to expatriated Mayor of Chicago, who hates organization, under the Committee on Public make a plea on behalf of all in a like case, England for the part she has taken in this Information, and there the big story of its The people of Wisconsin are powerless to whether the law was violated. That is and accordingly laid the matter before his war, and I will show you a man who openly activities began. recall him. But his commission may be more important to this community than colleagues in Chicago this week at the ancancelled by a two-thirds vote of the Sen- whether Mr. Mitchel or Mr. Bennett re- nual convention of the American Associaate. That body has the right to rid itself ceived the nomination. If fraud was at- tion of Progressive Medicine, of objectionable characters. It should lose tempted a blow was struck against the

the country of an unfaithful servant, clear tion to safeguard the primaries from nounced hopeless by a board of consulting the character of a misrepresented loyal fraud as completely as the elections. Most physicians, will be killed by some form of the character of a misrepresented loyal that he has done all he his speech, into which he puts his own perfirmness in dealing with the Copperhead- rendered unworkable by numbered ballots, young child may request its death under could to further our fight, that he has lent the signing of the voters' names for com- similar circumstances." The Senate has expelled Copperheads parison with the signatures at the previbefore. In December, 1861, it ejected John ous election and the like. If this elaborate it has excited little enthusiasm on the C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky. His case system has collapsed before a definite part either of the medical profession or hardly runs parallel with Mr. La Follette's. endeavor to break the law the public wants the public at large. An obvious objection Though representing a state which never the criminals discovered and punished, as is the difficulty of determining the hope-Inough representing a state which never the election crooks in the special lessness of recovery or of establishing the French stopped the advance of the Germans forty-six states of the union.

contemplate joining the armed forces of ever the candidates are, the primaries some years ago are undoubtedly amenable

Fighting at Consumers' Expense

If Mr. Perkins had in mind an exposure sented Indiana in the Senate for many of the weakness of the opposition to his years. He became infected with Copper- confirmation as head of the State Food headism, as many other Democratic lead- Commission when he promised to pay for pelled from the Senate in 1862 for having appeared all over the state, he got his strued as sympathy with the Confederate in it-if they deserve the name-were little short of absurd. Prejudice against Mr. La Follette has said that the United him, bitter antagonism, the document

argument of the pro-German press that Governor again submits his name to the sonnel put at its disposal. We have an exthe United States was more intent on pro- Senate—politics and desire for profits. ample to-day in a dispatch from Camp Mills, moting the sale abroad of munitions than The farmers of New York State are no the headquarters of the Rainbow Division it was on vindicating neutral rights. In different from the profiteers in other lines of the National Guard. A number of officers doing all these things he has hampered to of business. They have had many lean have been detailed by Major General Mann, the best of his ability our conduct of the years. Now they see the chance to get commanding, to make up the list of names the best of his ability our conduct of the war. He has pandered to the slackers and the pacifists and given countenance to those the pacifists and given countenance to those which will yield good profits in spite of the porting the killed, wounded and missing afwho think themselves morally justified in unusually high expenses. They want no ter the division arrives in France. Doubtregulation—they have no more use for it less this is done by order of the depart-Congress has just passed a law which than the middlemen and the food specument, and, therefore, other commissionel ofputs unprecedented powers in the hands lators have. And of the three men named ficers to the number of hundreds have been of the Postmaster General. He has been by the Governor Mr. Perkins is the man or will be assigned to this work. created a censor of seditious utterances in most feared by those who want no reguprinted form and is authorized to suppress lation of the food system, because of his American branch offered its services for this

Mr. Burleson explained a day or two ago, no newspaper may hereafter impugn the litical factor upstate. What they want by clerks of the Red Cross in other counmotives of the government in going to they come pretty close to getting. They tries. Our bureaucracy takes the position war with Germany. It may not say that influenced enough Senators-they and the 'the government got in the war wrong." various business interests who also want Mr. La Follette has said that on numer- all the profits they can get while the get- set up and manned with officers doing the reached. But that's a mistake, ous occasions. Why should the Senate ting is good—to defeat Mr. Perkins once. set up and man pass a law restraining the right of a news- They think they can repeat the performpaper to utter this sort of sedition and ance. The farmers are united-the constill leave one of its own members free to sumers are not. The longer the fight on indulge in it? Is Mr. La Follette to be Mr. Perkins is continued the longer the allowed to circulate through "The Con- state will be without any kind of food congressional Record," at the government's trol and the longer the consumers must expense, utterances which would cause im- pay whatever the food producers and

The Shortage in Rifles

such short shrift to sedition in the press. ministration in the snug little regular es-Mr. La Follette has abused the public's tablishment which this country supported patience. He should be removed from up to the outbreak of the present war. office. If he intends to preach and practise Copperheadism, let him be compelled ment are hard to outgrow. And the facts wool imports at inflated prices, compared to do it on the same terms and at the same which The Tribune published yesterday with former years. risk as other German sympathizers out- about the shortage of rifles for our new armies show that on the technical side of war preparation the War Department has compared with a little more than half that certainly not outgrown them.

In the difficult business of organizing a We have been at war for nearly six democracy—the largest democracy in the months. But we have not secured, so far, world-into a unified, coherent fighting even a moderate supply of rifles for our machine the 9,000 volunteer speakers who soldiers. We were in the shadow of war are addressing movie audiences in forty- for two years before war was declared. six states of the Union are doing a valu- But we are still just beginning to get a able and patriotic work. Here in New start in the aviation arm and in the crea-York City these "Four-Minute Men" have tion of modern artillery. The facts gathmaterially aided in a series of important ered by The Tribune indicate that the Bucampaigns-for the Liberty Loan, for the rean of Ordnance and the other technical Red Cross, for food conservation. In re- authorities at Washington have been This may be a wise measure, for history has of Mars. She points out a method of maincent weeks they have devoted their time to more concerned with securing perfect arms a way of repeating itself. In the Journals taining a stable and permanent government the highly important task of unmasking (waiting for such arms to become avail-German intrigue, of teaching Americans able) than they have been with having guard that do guard the House from time to istration disfranchise its critics and it will how to recognize German propaganda un- somewhat inferior material with which to time do keep the clamorous women from com- stay in power ad infinitum-and thus will the equip the new armies. Adherence to their ing up the stairs leading to the House of The speaking is directed from Washing- arid point of view in a crisis when every

ers to handmade material. The service many lines to the point that the United for public speaking; individual freedom is now keep that man power unemployed for encouraged and is the rule. As the lack of equipment whose manufacture

democratic method of organizing the whole The fact is that, in speeding up for meeting, assembled every night of the ganized war services. Volunteers presented themselves in unexpected numbers. It is a pleasure to second the New York The draft went through without a hitch. committee's demand for more volunteers. The people have bought Liberty bonds with More speakers and the best speakers are avidity and insisted on the spending of urgently needed. The opportunity to meet unheard-of amounts for war. But the old the American people face to face is a administfative war machinery has been training to take their places in the trenches American speaker with faith in his cause halted. It has been the weak point in our war organization. We are paying now for

its inability to keep up with the procession. Perhaps one of the beneficial results of this war will be the complete absorption vestigation of the results of the Republi- of the old army into the new army. Out how to fashion a real military establish-

Euthanasia for Incurables

country about two hundred thousand un- run against Mayor Mitchel. fortunate sufferers who are longing for death. He does not tell us upon what data

Briefly, what he desires to bring about is a legal reform by which "adults who

The proposal is not new, though hitherto the enemy. He left Kentucky and became election to decide whether a constitutional degree of suffering that would justify the at the battle of the Marne. No amount of Whatever issues are at stake, and who- tain conditions believed to be incurable would not be had the happy dispatch been commonly practised in former times. On the other hand, many disabilities quite incurable involve so little suffering that the a sufficient pretext for transferring the responsibility for suicide to the board of doctors, though they were obliged to ac-

lowledge their helplessness. The reform was, however, approved by a majority of the physicians who voted on it, and doubtless the next step will be to secure legislation of some sort. By the time it is passed the two hundred thousand will have no need for it.

The Waste of Bureaucracy

(Ffom The Boston Transcript)

The Red Cross of every country in Euwas refused, and officers whom it is costing the government thousands of dollars to train that because the casualties are military no non-military hand must touch their compi-

Increased South American Trade

For the fiscal year ended June 30 our To the Editor of The Tribune.

was on export account. It is of interest that for the first time Argentina leads Brazil in the matter of imports by this nation, although by a very small margin. This is not

Taking Latin America as a whole, the figares are much more impressive, as the total trade was more than a billion and a half. amount in 1915. In almost every instance the balance of trade has been favorable to nations south of us. We have paid or shall pay them, in one way or another, almost \$400,000,000 to settle balances.

The Ladies' Grille

(A. L. J. Gosset, in The London Morning Post) The removal of the grille from the Ladies' Gallery of the House of Commons is of in-We are informed that one panel of Commons door, and from coming into and doubtless, Martia does not believe.

| Commons on Westminster Hall on the MARTIN McMIX. ton, but no effort is made to limit speak- hour counts has checked preparation in Speaker and Members of the House."

Working for the Kaiser

Antagonism Toward Mayor Mitchel Because of His Americanism

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: If it were not for the amazing revelations of German intrigue and trickery and the astounding ramifications of treason and enemy aid that already have been revealed might express some astonishment at the ele- from Washington to speak in Madison Square closs became the chairman of a committee ments which are lined up against Mayor Garden some evening and attracted an addi-Mitchel to prevent his reelection.

It seems almost unbelievable that here America, with thousands of her best soldiers already on the other side, with hundreds of thousands more of her best men now in and settle for all time the fight between a one, and that they live in New York. They brutal and bestial autocracy and democracy, are Four-Minute Men-volunteer speakers there could be so many who would set their who talk in motion picture theatres, under faces against the forces of right.

But so it is. America, which has opened Public Information. her doors to the oppressed of every land, which has stood as the one spot on the face United States declared war on Germany. A of the earth where every man was given an equal chance, where the rights of humanity realized suddenly that a lot of folks in his were considered, has found that among the good whom she has taken to her bosom she He assembled a few friends and

also has taken a nest of vipers. And the evidence of it is in the fight which from owners s now being made against Mayor Mitchel. would be untrue to say that every man who will oppose the reelection of the Mayor conceded that the nightly attendance is lined up with the enemies of our country. motion picture theatres opposition to war, is lending aid and giving tles any doubt on that point. It is reckoned by a physician of Des hatred and dishonor, will be found in the Moines that there are at present in this camp of some of the candidates who will branched out to neighboring cities. As the

> will vote against him at the coming election. Whatever may be the faults of Mayor Mitchel, whatever may have been his shortcomings, whatever mistakes he may have departments most directly responsible for made, I thank God that he has not followed in the conduct of the war. Bulletins are issued the footsteps of the unspeakable Thompson, from the Washington headquarters, based on of Chicago; that he has not brought eternal shame on the great metropolis of America. With this background of authoritative facts,

treachery and deceit. most reassuring piece of news that the Kaiser urged, to use all his resources of tact, force has received since his hosts first violated the neutrality of Belgium, or since the tions that the defeat of Mayor Mitchel has tion recognized the help the Four-Minute brought about by his record on fiscal or economic grounds will prevent the belief that to treatment to-day, which perhaps they it was the legions of darkness, disgrace, disnonor and treason, united in opposition, that

defeated the Mayor. It has been declared that Mayor Mitchel s the best Mayor New York ever had. I do not contend that; neither do I deny it. mere incurability could hardly be regarded But if the Mayor had a record as an executive that did not stand the test, I would have aroused the enmity of the German still say that he should be reëlected for the inspiring stand that he took when our country needed men; for the undeviating patriotism which he exhibited at a time when German spies and German supporters and all the elements of disorder and American disintegration were against the government at Washington, secretly, openly, any way at all,

to produce results.

Voters of New York, do not make any mistake! You are asked to oppose a man who is being attacked for his true Americanism. You the gospel of national unity. as Americans are asked to vote for the vio-America's and the world's enemies, vote to An unfailing weakness of military bureau- emasculate your country so that it may fall e with Germany. He has echoed the will be cast against Mr. Perkins when the cracy is the misuse of the commissioned per- a prey to the same forces that were guilty that even his satanic majesty himself never could have thought of.

Brooklyn, Sept. 26, 1917.

"Enemies Within"

To the Editor of The Tribune. ing should leave a bad taste in his mouth.

As we all know the aforesaid prince is a know just what section of the conquered terlikely Belgium, as nothing would suit him quite so well as to be placed where he could Luxburg the British Isles. He has been doing his level best at long range, but he will have to move up closer to the firing line now. Some individuals really think they are so in-

F. H. ALLEN. New York, Sept. 26, 1917.

"Usonians"

more than two and one-half times that of letter from Mrs. Christine Ladd-Franklin which bags are sent off every week to the London have, however, heard the thought often ex-1915. This is the result by comparing values. bore the caption "Usonians," and suggested and Middlesex hospitals, for which they are thankful. It is probable that the actual bulk of com- that Americans fighting in the world war very thankful. modities increased in smaller ratio, since should be so called. Mrs. Franklin argued recent prices have been higher than for- that we have no right to monopolize the term growing on the coast of Massachusetts, and take advantage of conditions created by the merly.

The total trade last year aggregated \$800,000,000, of which a little less than one-third

"American" in view of the fact that there are many peoples of other nations equally enplenty more of it in the swamps and salt titled to call themselves Americans, and she marshes of the Atlantic seaboard. Here is the sake of euphony.

Here we are only twenty miles from Can- she has. FELIX ORMAN. Dixville Notch, N. H., Sept. 24, 1917.

A Simple Governmental Expedient To the Editor of The Tribune.

Alas for Martia Leonard! She wrote marks of a philosopher!" Now she spills the beans by wanting to disfranchise all persons the grille will be kept at the House of Com-mons as "a relic of times that have been." Martia, for she is undoubtedly a daughter Martia, for she is undoubtedly a daughter of the House, 1648, June 14, we read: "Or-dered that the commander in chief and the discovered before. Let every existing adminworld be made safe for democracy, in which,

New York, Sept. 26, 1917.

The Four-Minute Men

An Account of a Collective Public Effort to Bestir Americans to Think About Their War

By Paul B. Williams, Secretary of the New York Committee

ence of 15,000 persons it would be a great public event. Practically that very thing is being done in New York every evening. The resentatives of the government, instead of authority of the government's Committee on

They began a few months ago, when the man in Chicago, named Donald Ryerson, town went to the movies every night. developed a plan. They secured permission of motion picture theatres for volunteer speakers to make nightly addresses, and then they began to talk. It is generally constitutes the There will perhaps be many in the coming greatest aggregation of ready-made audicampaign who will fight against Mitchel for ences that can be imagined. It is a small other reasons, but it is an absolute certainty town, indeed, that does not boast at least that every advocate of treason, every lover one movie. The fact that the industry is of Germany, every pacifist who, by his very the fourth largest in the United States set-

comfort to the bloody Hun; every preacher of It did not take the beginners long to make themselves heard in Chicago, and then they work developed its possibilities were borne Show me a Teuton who has not been able in upon the organizers with such force that to get the virus of Germanism out of they went to Washington to submit to the his system, who openly or secretly re- government plans for a national organizahe founded this estimate, but it appears joices at every victory for Germany, who tion. There they won an immediate hearing that when a late patient of his begged to sang songs and laughed when the Lusitania Headquarters were opened in Washington tice done to Mr. Bennett. There is now the be put out of his misery he resolved to was sunk, who applauds the actions of the and the Four-Minute Men became a national

> Parrots Not Wanted The Committee on Public Information includes the Secretary of War, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Navyofficial information from these departments. thank God that he has been an American the Four-Minute man proceeds to construct ment, but he is not expected to be a parrot President, and that he has bidden the hosts of or a "me too" partisan. His instructions are treason retire into the mire of their own to stick to the facts in the bulletin and to make his speech conform to the general tone The defeat of Mayor Mitchel will be the of the document, but he is at liberty, and is and adaptability to put his message across. And they are doing it-9,000 of them, in

Their first big effort was with the Liberty amouflage can hide this fact. No declara- Loan, and the men in charge of its distribu-Men rendered by asking them to take an imthe campaign for the forthcoming loan. Henry P. Davison had their aid in the great campaign for the Red Cross, and Herbert Hoover called on them to speak for food conservation. For weeks they have been conducting a great educational campaign to make the nation understand why we are at war, and have done it so effectively that they

propagandists. There is no disguising the fact that pro-German elements would like to stop mouths of the Four-Minute Men. Right in New York City proprietors of motion picture theatres have been told bluntly that the

Sphagnum Dressings

If a representative of the government came | nothing but a good idea. James C. Auchin-Associated with him are Charles Pratt as treasurer, Paul B. Williams as secretary, Rogers H. Bacon as chairman of the speakers' bureau, Harold Stanley, J. Prentice only difference is that there are thirty representatives of the government, instead of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' League, and Walter Robinson, instructor of the Public

Speaking Club of America. They opened headquarters at the corner of Vanderbilt Avenue and 44th Street, in rooms provided by the Yale Club. Their first effort was to secure the cooperation of motion picture interests, and in this they were highly successful, thanks to the patriotic desire to be of service on the part of the men in that industry. Practically every organization in the motion picture field has also found their place during the Civil War. indorsed this movement, and there are very few managers from the hundreds of "movies" in greater New York who have refused permission for the speakers to appear in their theatres.

Coaching Volunteers

Then speakers had to be secured. This was not an easy task-and more speakers needed right now to help this work. Members of public speaking clubs, professional men, business men-particularly salesmen-speakers who helped with the Liberty Loan, from dozens of sources they came. Not every volunteer could be used, would be granted would be sufficient to pro-for it requires distinct ability to make a vide for the dependents. Historical data in four minutes. But those who showed promise were coached by Mr. Robinson at weekly class meetings, and everything possible was and is done to utilize the efforts of a man who really wants to help.

When a man has proved his ability, he is put on the mailing list to receive the bulletins from headquarters and is given a slide, which is his introduction at the theatre. This says that he speaks under the authority of the Committee on Public Information Washington, D. C., on a subject of national importance. His assignment is sent to him forty-eight hours before he is due to speak, on a postal card telling the name of the theatre, its location, the manager's name and telephone number. He then telephones the theatre to arrange the exact hour of his appearance.

There are 250 Four-Minute Men at work in New York City, but more are required to meet the needs. Any one interested can obtain full information at 53 East Forty-fourth Street, where volunteers will be welcome. a desire to help in a service to the gov- supply every mother that sent a son. rnment that is of supreme importance. We are very lonely, and being destitute Activity of the New York Committee has makes us downhearted. I have a good home, ernment that is of supreme importance.

ganization has been extended to more than here so I could have boarders I would not held at Syracuse-the first gathering Review.) of the kind to be held in this country. Men broad experience united in the opinion for the "continuance of suits" the kind that they had ever attended. fessional life, farmers, bankers, woodsmen of obligations due soldiers. and school teachers. exempted volunteers from a

A bishop sat next to a farmer, and he was And in that various collection of men, not one mentioned politics, not one got excited speeches were distasteful to their patrons about the submarine campaign, not one ran and have been threatened with boycott. To cut to go to the State Fair unwil the meet-the credit of the managers be it said that ing was ended, and not one failed to sound they have refused to be intimidated and have a note of genuine patriotism and devotion

given their loyal cooperation in spreading to duty. The question was not concerning from doing anything for her." the gospel of national unity. When the Four-Minute Men came to can I do?" "How can we make this work he is near sited and he has kid lation of your own honor, vote for aid to New York early in the summer they were most useful and helpful to the country?"

A Plea to Turn to Account a Moss Testimony to the Hospitable Spirit some other instrument in writing." (Ibid.) Found on Our Coasts

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I noticed in The Tribune of Septem- Sir: In your issue of the 10th, which like The Tribune making the gallant fight the Rumanians are being dressed with saw- notice an account of organized extortion you are making against "enemies within" dust, and that the need for Red Cross hos-I always feel like patting you on the back pital supplies, especially bandages, is urgent. and wishing I could do more to spread your All the hospitals in this country are very may have conveyed to your readers an engospel of Americanism. The editorial wallop short of gauze and other materials used in tirely false impression as to the general

high-priced man, it would be interesting to scientist discovered that a certain kind of attached to the 30th Division at Camp Sevier ritory the Kaiser has promised him. Very and never far from the sea, possesses several hospitable and patriotic spirit of the people valuable healing qualities, iodine being of Greenville, S. C. among them. It is called Sphagnum moss, Nothing could be more removed from the since Congress spiked his guns yesterday. light green, which fades to a grayish white in which this kindly little Southern city fluential, politically, that they can't be this causes it to appear almost white from camp. Here, assuredly, if nowhere else in a distance.

took the initial letters of the words "United the chance for America not only to save States of North America," adding the "i" for money and labor at home, but to help those

bitterly," to quote a returned Canadian officer, about our usage of the term American, and are anxious that we settle upon some ordinary moss adhering to it, after which the general name by which our men abroad may whole must be dried in the sun, packed resentatives. There are committees here

who dissent from the policy of the Adminis-tration. Not in vain did her parents call her Baltimore, Md., Sept. 24, 1917.

Why? To the Editor of The Tribune.

the Federal woman suffrage amendment?

Why does Mr. Root favor woman suffrage in Russia and not in his own country?

LORETTE M. CONNOLLY. Fordham, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1917.

Soldiers Not Exploited

of Greenville, S. C.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

ber 20 a report stating that the wounds of has just reached me by a belated mail, I All the hospitals in this country are very may have conveyed to your readers an enyou gave would-be Prince Hearst this morn- making bandages. America has a remedy for attitude of the South toward the men in its this if she will take the trouble to use it. camps and cantonments. I hold no brief for A little while ago an English professor and the city of Anniston, but as a New Yorker moss, growing mostly in soft, marshy ground I wish to testify to the extremely generous.

and can easily be recognized by its color. thought of making capital out of the ne-The base of the frond is of a rather vivid cessities of men in uniform than the manner at the tip, and as it grows in dense clumps has opened its arms to the boys of this It abounds in certain parts of England, khaki is certain of a cordial welcome and a week, and in every instance the motion particularly on the coast of Devon, where at the same time to be fairly dealt with. the gathering of it has become almost an Whether this be due to the vigilance of the industry. Ever since the discovery was made | Chamber of Commerce, to civic pride or to most of the big hospitals in London have something still finer actuating each individtrade with South American nations was Sir: Some time ago I read in The Tribune a been using it for dressing wounds, and large ual member of the community I cannot say. I

> who have fought and suffered longer than should attach to the fair name of Greenville. It is inconceivable how far these ada, and meet many Canadians and learn.
>
> The work of gathering and preparing the hospitable people have gone to make it their sentiments, and I know that they "feel moss is monotonous, for each little strand pleasant here for the rank and file of the tightly in bags, and sent to the hospital, to look out for everybody, the officers, the where it will be sterilized and used for pack. enlisted men and their relatives. Even the ings, bandages and swabs.
>
> Securing of lodgings for one's family ceases
>
> It is dull but fool-proof work, and will to be a problem. Houses are open everysecuring of lodgings for one's family ceases give children and those who have not been where for the accommodation of visitors that able to serve their country in any other way were never before opened to strangers, and chance to do their bit.
>
> The school children, farmers and peasants closed and the war at an end. What is more, some letters to The Tribune months ago
> The school children, farmers and peasants closed and the war at an end. What is more, which made me exclaim, "Verily, although a of England realized the need and gave their the charge usually made for accommodation woman, this person has some of the ear- holidays and all their spare time to this val- there represents but its actual estimated cost. uable work. America has the power to help And all this is secured for you while you programme maker set the name of Augusta those who are dying for want of proper wait, by a busy little lady, very quick and E. Stetson as the 'composer' of the music very able, who knows everybody in town, who sung to the poem 'Love's Lulla also knows how to use the telephone and she happens to be the author?" whose gentle voice is the open sesame that | It "happens" to be a well-known fact that swings wide every gate.
>
> All of this only goes to show that towns, like individuals, will differ, and that Green-Lullaby," as well as of "The Song of Love".

the women of Hawaii the vote and oppose to me worth telling, and will, I hope, seem all of which are published by G. Schirmer. to you not undeserving to be known. GASTON TISNE,

First Lieutenant Infantry, National Army, Camp Sevier. Greenville, S. C., Sept. 13, 1917.

Relief Measures in Civil War Left Largely to States and Frequently Proved Inadequate

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Referring to your editorial "A More-torium for Soldiers" and the news items regarding the proposed legislation, it seems that the consequences of the lack of such legislation upon those who are dependent upon the financial condition (not upon the earnings) of the soldier have been somewhat discounted. The need for such legislation can best be attested by the conditions at other times, which made it necessary to pro

vide a moratorium for soldiers. During the Civil War the matters of relief for dependents and the moratorium provisions for volunteers were left to the respective states. Some of the states, particularly those in the Middle West, passed legislation permitting counties and cities within the states to make provision for the relief of de pendents.

The recruiting campaigns which have been the order of the day for the last few months But the orators at these meetings dwelt also on the provisions which had been made, or were contemplated, for the relief of dependents on the moratorium legislation, and also on the bounties offered by the cities, counties or states, as happened to be the

Practically all the states passed legislation providing some relief for dependents. The relief in most cases was about \$5 or \$8 a month. Many found that the relief was in sufficient, while quite a few volunteered under the presumption that whatever relief tend to indicate, however, the heroism manifested by those members of a family whose breadwinners had joined the colors. The soldiers' pay was immeasurably smaller than that of to-day, yet a goodly portion was returned to the dependents, despite many authoritative statements that more could have been sent and despite the allotment provisions in several states. Many localities passed volunteer tax legislation to provide Some of the letters of volunteers' relatives

and dependents are of interest, and serve to indicate the willingness to accept the circumstances. A wife writes to the Governor of a Western state that she was "depending on the few loyal men that are left," added that she would do what she could and expressed the hope that a draft would take the men who ought to go. She felt that perhaps those hesitated "because the families of those that went on the first call have been so neglected by the state and general government." Another wrote: "There are so Street, where volunteers will be welcome.

During October most of their efforts, will many now left as I am that we scarce can be in support of the Liberty Loan, but find enough to do to keep want from our be in support of the not end then, for the ex- doors." And still another, "Perhaps you can be which the rich may pectation is to continue their activity until devise some means by which the rich may the end of the war. An educational force help support the poor in this time of need."

of such scope cannot be ignored, and a Another, "My son told me I would be prerealization of its possibilities should arouse vided for; that means had been provided to

not been limited to this city, for the or- but cannot sell at all. If there were business 100 cities and towns up-state. On September ask assistance." (Carl R. Fish: Social Relief a conference of these local chairmen During the Civil War, American Historical The moratorium laws in general provided

that this was the most distinctive meeting listment, for the deferrence of sale of property for delinquency in payment of taxes, It brought together men from all parts of and some statutes provided for the suspenthe state, representing business and pro- sion of the statute of limitations in the case exempted volunteers from all civil process, and one state provided legislation exempting flanked by a man active in the Rotary Club. volunteers from arrest for any cause except

Needless to say there were many instances of dissatisfaction on the part of those whose relatives had volunteered. The following relatives had volunteered. quotations from letters are of interest: A young wife writes that his "fokes keep him writes, "He is a kind man to his family and he is near sited and he has kidney complaint and he is 44 years old and he can't be good for much there." Another asks for a pass to Cincinnati to visit a dying mother. "Oh for the love of mercy do, dear Governor, grant me a pass." A young lady about to go South asks "a Wet-Nurse commission or

Member American Historical Association. New York, Sept. 22, 1917.

Gary School Motion Pictures To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In local papers of September 11 Frank D. Wilsey made several statements regarding motion pictures of the Gary schools.

First, that the pictures cost the City of New York \$38,000. Second, every house that had shown these pictures had driven away its patrons.

Third, the houses are now guaranteed against loss to show these pictures. I challenge every one of these statements.

The Gary school pictures were made at the expense of Mr. William Wirt in Gary by the industrial department of the school. The charge of a cost of \$38,000 for their making is obviously absurd.

Since I have had charge of the booking of these pictures, starting on June 15, they have the country, is a place where the man in been exhibited on an average of three times picture house showing them did a record tusiness on that evening. It is easy to see the reason. Every metropolitan paper has had much space devoted to the Gary schools and system. That in itself has created an unusual amount of interest, and the wise and wide-awake exhibitor took advantage of it by using this in addition to the regular routine of publicity, and thereby attracted unusually large crowds. Without question, they have proved a valuable asset to the box office. Furthermore, the audiences have been interested and pleased with the subject.

In view of these facts, Mr. Wilsey's statement that the houses are guaranteed against loss is as absurd as his other charges. I cannot quite understand what prompted him to make these statements, unless it was an attempt to affect the bookings in the motion picture theatres in the City of New York
MAURICE FRIEDMAN,

Gary School Motion Pictures. New York, Sept. 20, 1917.

Composer and Author To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Permit me to correct a statement

made by your correspondent Mr. Frederic W. Pangborn in his letter published this morning regarding the inaccuracies of musical programmes. He says: "Again, why has the sung to the poem 'Love's Lullaby,' of which

Sir: Why is Congress so willing to give like individuals, will differ, and that Green-Lullaby," as well as of "The Song of Love" wille is not like Anniston. But it seemed and "Light the Torch and Lead the Way," Some time ago Mrs. Stetson published a book of poems, and she is the author of ser-

cial other important works, of which G. P. Putnam's Sons are the publishers. New York, Sept. 25, 1917. JUSTICE. New York, Sept. 25, 1917.